

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

As an all-volunteer organization at Hickam Harbor the Wet Hens are certified sailing instructors, who teach the U.S. sailing instructors basic skills course to military spouses.

The Wet Hens next class begins March 16 and ends May 25. Classes meet Thursdays 9 a.m. to noon.

In 1961, Lou Foster, the founder of the Wet Hens and two others taught women's sailing classes. After the course some of the women wanted to extend their sailing skills and donate their time to the harbor, for this reason the Wet Hens were born.

Linda Ladeira, who has been here ten years said it has always been the same \$80 price since she took the 10-week course.

"All the money goes to the boat rental, book and supplies," said Ms. Ladeira.

This may be Hickam's best-kept secret, an organization shielded from inflation. A secret Ms. Ladeira stumbled upon merely by accident and discovered her love for the sport of sailing.

"An Air Force wife had heard about this course and she just had to take it when she came here," said Ms. Ladeira. "She was a total chicken about the water, so she dragged me with her for moral support. She never did get totally hooked, but I did."

For Sandy Palmer she was ready the moment she landed on the island.

"I had landed on this island in 1998 and read about it in the Kukini," said Ms. Palmer. "They had a big article in it and I thought, oh I want to do that. So we got into our house a week later, as soon as my phone was installed I called the number that was in the article."

The class had already started. Ms. Palmer had missed the sailing class by one week.

"So I had to wait until January, 1999 till the next class and I was here with a cup of coffee at seven in the morning waiting to be one of the first on the list," said Ms. Palmer.

Robin Cook is going on her third year as a Wet Hen,

but loves the social and physical aspect within the sport of sailing.

"I joined because Tracy Woodrow who is out here training our new hens," said Ms. Cook. "We knew each other in Japan, I found out she was still here and I was on my way. I learned she became a sailing instructor with the Wet Hens. I thought I have to do that too, it just sounds like so much fun."

Ms. Cook knew she always enjoyed the water usually from a distance, but she wanted to give sailing a shot.

"This was way out of my box, because I had never done anything like that before, never," said Ms. Cook. "When I came here, I was so completely blessed just by the group of women that it attracted and the friends that I made through it. I was hooked just from that aspect and then continued sailing. I am hooked on the sport, it's a lot of fun and it will challenge you."

"I think for a lot of a people it is so much more than they've ever done. It is very outside the box," said Ms. Ladeira. "There is no other course on this island that has one instructor and two students on a boat."

Wet Hen, Ms. Cook loves to sail and to teach others to love sailing too. The Wet Hens love of sailing permeates far beyond the island of Oahu.

"We have students who come to join the class that hear about it word of mouth in Germany and Japan," said Ms. Palmer. "They come here looking for this class."

Many look to this class for different reasons, but their mission is to support the Hickam community.

"Absolutely, that is so huge, a lot of the women that come in to take this class haven't made friends yet," said Ms. Palmer. "When you come into the class your immediately making friends with everyone in the room. Some have gone on to be best and dearest friends. For the students having a social place to go and learn something of an accomplishment is huge. It's huge."

For more information call Robin Cook 423-0511 or Gina Purvis 674-2677.

Set Sail with the wet hens



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– Ms. Cook



Photos by Kirsten Tacker

(Above) Lady Wet Hens charge the Catalina 14.2 into the water for a day of training new hens.

(Left) After raising her sail, Wet Hen Tracy Woodrow prepares the rudder for some training runs.

Unclassified: 324th IS 76-51 win over 15th SVS

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess
15th AW Public Affairs

The only classified material the 324th Intelligence Squadron needed to capture the 2006 Base Intramural Basketball Championship Mar. 8 was what got them there in the first place – "Man to Man" defense.

Both teams were undefeated in the regular season (8-0). Coach Jason Kulchar, 324th IS said, "Eventually, our "Man on Man" defense wears down opponents especially in the last 10 minutes of the game."

The 324th IS was the only team to use the "Man to Man" defense throughout the regular season. With a 13 man roster the 324th IS had the depth to play man for two halves in every game.

In the playoffs, the first opponent to get crushed under the pressure of the man defense was the 352nd

Information Operations Squadron, 61-40. The number three seed, Kenny Headquarters was dismantled 68-56 and the number two seed the 15th Medical Group, kept it close, 51-44.

Services came out of loser's bracket to play in the championship game. Having played two games the night before, fatigue would be their worst enemy.

The height disadvantage was also a factor for Services, the 324th IS had three 6'3 ft players. "In the beginning of the game Services closed down their zone defense to take away our inside game; size and post advantage," said Kulchar.

The 324th IS Manuel Romero-Soler and Wendell Rush were left uncontested to shoot from the outside. The Romero-Soler, Rush backcourt scored the first 12 points of the game, forcing services to spread their defense out.

For services the first three minutes

was a lull. Eventually, Services buckets came from player and Coach Gordon Bryant. His cross-over dribble and quick first step left defenders behind. The drives resulted in multiple trips to the free-throw line, where Bryant made 6 of 9 in the first half.

In the second half, coach Kulchar put his best defender Tyrone Moore on Bryant. By now Services realized they couldn't take away the inside game with the threat of 324th IS outside game.

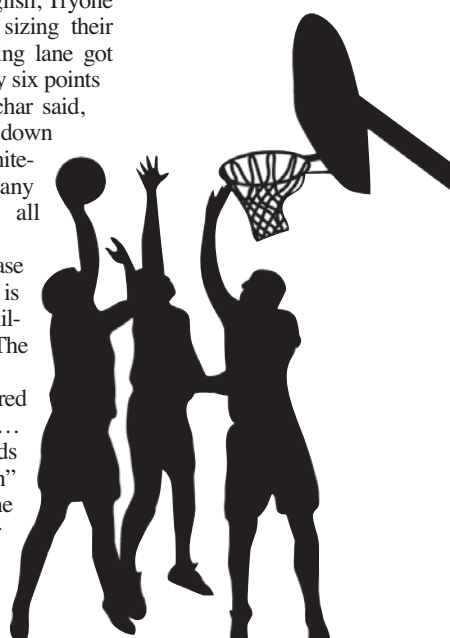
Trailing by eight at half, 33-25, Services coach Bryant rallied his players to take it one possession at a time. Services managed to close the gap to within four points with 15 minutes left in the game. "We knew it was an uphill battle and went with a full-court press to slow them down."

However, much of the second half was a repeat of the first half with Romero-Soler hitting 3 of 4 three

pointers. With Bobby English, Tryone Moore, Avery Hills out sizing their opponents, Bryant's driving lane got smaller. He managed only six points in the second half. Kulchar said, "Even once they were down they never quit, they definitely played harder than any other team we played all year."

This 2006 Intramural Base Basketball Championship is the second in the new millennium for the 324th IS. The first was in 2001.

The 324th IS didn't shred anything after the game ... maybe just a few pounds from the "Man to Man" defense. "If you asked the players, coach Kulchar said, "I'm sure they will say it was worth every minute."



Crossword Puzzle: Base Locator

By Capt. Tony Wickman
71 Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Congeal
- 4. Sore
- 8. USAF inspection
- 11. Plentiful
- 13. ACC base
- 14. Jump
- 16. ACC base
- 17. Auction
- 18. Sea bird
- 19. PACAF base
- 21. Backgammon need
- 22. Taxing org.
- 23. Hidden
- 25. Swimming in water
- 29. Gun lobby
- 30. Nuts
- 31. AETC base
- 36. Trade union

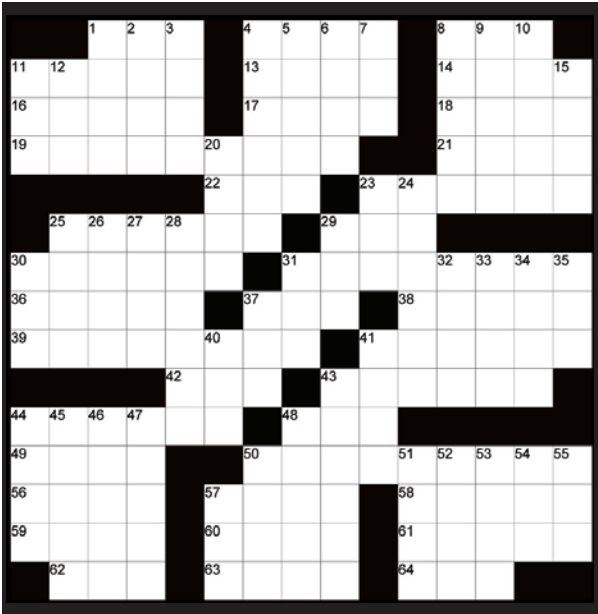
- 37. Score for 30 DOWN
 - 38. Chairs
 - 39. PACAF base
 - 41. More flimsy
 - 42. Hearing tool
 - 43. Humpbacks
 - 44. CENTCOM base
 - 48. Greek letter
 - 49. Cosmetic ingredient
 - 50. AMC base
 - 56. Celebrity
 - 57. AFMC base
 - 58. Ages
 - 59. Hoop type
 - 60. Weaponry
 - 61. Poison
 - 62. Mil. ID
 - 63. Bother
 - 64. Actors Harris and O’Neal
- DOWN

- 1. Useless e-mail
- 2. Fashion magazine

- 3. Young kid
- 4. Agree in kind
- 5. Burns
- 6. 50 percent
- 7. Ram’s mate
- 8. Toboggans
- 9. Eagle’s nest
- 10. AETC base
- 11. “Honest” president
- 12. Singer Torme
- 15. Hammer part
- 20. Hubbubs
- 23. Web address
- 24. Upset stomach
- 25. ... acht, ____, zehn ...
- 26. Caustic material
- 27. Story
- 28. Singer Bocelli
- 29. Neither’s partner
- 30. Tiger’s org.
- 31. Discard
- 32. Dinner
- 33. Cook

- 34. SW Indians
- 35. Former Soviet country
- ID
- 37. Each
- 40. The Right Stuff actor
- Shepard
- 41. Buzzing sound
- 43. Albeit
- 44. Gala
- 45. AETC base
- 46. Scores
- 47. Aired again
- 48. Soothes
- 50. Terminate
- 51. Abyss
- 52. Pay attention
- 53. Charged particles
- 54. Mil. officer assigned to another staff
- 55. USAF medal
- 57. Nickname of only General of the Air Force

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Staff Sgt. Guadalupe Zulker
15th Security Forces Squadron



Airman 1st Class Justin Jenkins
15th Security Forces Squadron,
deployed to 455th Expeditionary Security Force Squadron

15th Security Forces Squadron rocks because: We work 24/7 to protect personnel, the biggest asset to the Armed Services. Our mission not only affects Hickam but it extends all over the pacific from our squared away RAVEN flying with C-17's. We lay our lives on the line everyday from just conducting a traffic stop to being deployed.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: On average I process over 60 cases a month ranging from Drug related offense, sex related offenses, to minor traffic accidents. Cases are processed in a timely matter so Commanders are able to make an informed decision regarding the violator. Violators can be charged by SJA in turn facilitating public safety.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: I enjoy playing Volleyball, snorkeling at the North Shore, relaxing at home, catching up on sleep.

Something people don't know about the 15th SFS: Our unit has many different personnel to include Guard, Reservists, Civilian, and Wing augmentees that work jointly with SFS to protect Hickam. Without their continuous help it would be very difficult for our unit to carry out the mission.

If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be: Additional parking through out the installation, new 15th SFS building, and allow personnel more downtime with families.

What the supervisor has to say: She streamlined the incident and accident report processing procedures serving the public, commanders and the base legal office with faster turnaround times. She is the focal point for any special event happening around Hickam, coordinating base entry and parking plans and will head up the SFS effort for the upcoming Hickam Carnival. Her efforts to update our SFS matrix, which provides a quick reference solution book to any incident happening on Hickam as been nothing short of superb. Although junior in grade, she is senior in effort 100% of the time – *MSgt. Daniel E. Hawkins, 15 Security Forces Squadron*



15th Security Forces Squadron rocks because: "We're cops" Honestly, because on top of the fact that I'm protecting my country, I feel like a member of a huge family at the 15th Security Forces Squadron.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: Just as in the civilian side, without police, you don't have law and order established. Plus with being deployed, and being the tactical automated security systems administrator, flightline and physical security are just as important here as they are at Hickam.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: Bowling, hanging out, planning a wedding and just having fun living life.

Something people don't know about your unit:

How quick everyone can connect and be outgoing to help their brother or sister.

If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be:

Better boat rentals and being allowed to go further out than just the bay area for some good fishin'.

What the Supervisor has to say: Justin has performed above and beyond any expectations I had for an A1C on his first deployment. He is serving in a one-person position normally filled by an NCO and has excelled, always striving to improve upon his duty performance. I am very proud of the job A1C Jenkins has done and continues to do. – *Tech. Sgt. Corey Miller, 15th SFS is deployed with A1C Jenkins*



AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Today, and Saturday, 7 p.m.

Big Momma's House 2 – The continuing adventures of master-of-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. This time he must go undercover as Big Momma to nail his ex-partner's murderer. While undercover in the house of the suspected criminal, Malcolm grows attached to the suspect's three children. Starring Martin Lawrence and Nia Long. Rated PG13 for sexual humor, drug reference.



Sunday 7 p.m.

Underworld-Evolution – A war emerges between the aristocratic Death Dealers and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves), stemming from an ancient feud between the two tribes. Selene, the beautiful vampire heroine, and Michael, the lycan hybrid, try to unlock the secrets of their bloodlines. Their forbidden love takes them into the battle to end all wars as the immortals must finally face their retribution. Starring Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman.. Rated R for violence, gore, sexuality, nudity, language.



Basketball teaches team skills to Hickam youth

By Patrick Haney
735th Air Mobility Squadron

Youth basketball is alive and strong on Hickam Air Force Base. Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon games provide a chance for Hickam’s talented young players to compete, learn teamwork and most importantly; have fun. One of the ways that the Air Force emphasizes fun over competition is by not using scoreboards until the children reach 9 years old. According to Ms. Bonnie Bentley, Hickam Youth Sports Coordinator, “Not using scoreboards promotes the fact that all children are winners.”

After games parents of the younger age divisions form what’s called The Winner’s Tunnel. Parents from both teams line up facing each other and interlock hands, providing a tunnel that kids can run through over and over. According to Ms. Bentley, “This is another way that parents emphasize the importance of the kids having fun.”

Children, ages 7 and above, get a chance to compete against teams from



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess

Andrew Carlton, (right) Hickam Heat guard defends against a Kaneohe Bay Marine player during a Saturday afternoon game on Mar. 4.

other military bases, on island, by participating in the Hawaii Youth Sports League. Although stands may be filled with parents from various military branches, the non-competitive atmos-

phere of the league seems to influence parents to not just cheer on their own children, but all children.

Parents have great reviews of what

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Alexys Ramsey takes her turn running through the winner’s tunnel after the 5 to 6–year–old basketball game Mar. 3.

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CHAPEL

Editor’s note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT

Nelles Chapel
Sunday Contemporary
Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship
11:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Gathering
5:30 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Traditional
8:30 a.m.

JEWISH

Aloha Jewish Chapel,
Pearl Harbor
473-0050
Jewish Lay Leader
Mr. David Bender
527-5877
Naval Station Chapel
473-3971

CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel
Weekday Mass
11:30 a.m.
Saturday Confessions
4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

ISLAMIC

Friday Congregational
Service
(1935 Aleo Place,
Punahou)
1 p.m.
Muslim Association
of Hawaii
947-6263

BUDDHIST

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii
Betsuin A Shin
Buddhist Temple
536-7044

ORTHODOX

For more information,
call 438-6687



YOUTH,
From A1

the league does for their children. “The kids are having fun and learning valuable skills that they can only get from being on a team like this,” said William Carlisle, father of Hickam Rockets player Jarred Carlisle of the 5 and 6-year-old division. Coaches are equally impressed with the impact of the league. “This is great to have available to children. It’s especially valuable for the children that don’t have a chance to play sports on a school team. And seeing the improvement from these kids is amazing,” said Coach Jolande Murray. The league even gives parent coaches a chance to foster relationships. “The league gives me a chance to spend more time with my stepson. It’s an awesome opportunity,” said Coach Shawn Wiser.

(Above) Mitchell Fauber shoots for two during Friday night’s 5 to 6-year-old basketball game.

(Left) Coaches Betty Nieset and Damon Hutchins huddle around their team before the start of the second half.

For more information on opportunities to volunteer to help the league, register a child, or to inquire about game schedules, please contact Ms. Bonnie Bentley at Bonnie.Bentley@hickam.af.mil or 448-4492.

Give us your feedback



Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini. Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to:

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil



Fitness & Sports Center Sports Day

Team Hickam Sports day is April 7 at the Earhart Sports Complex. Sports Day Events include: Starting with Warrior Run at 7 a.m., a 5k run (participation points only), par 3 golf, fitness challenge, bowling, Racquetball, 3-on-3 basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, 1 pitch softball/Chiefs and Eagles 1 Pitch and Dodge Ball.

Commander’s Cup points will be awarded for participation and to the top 3 finishers in each event. Additionally, points will be awarded to units volunteering to assist with an event (one event and unit). Register your teams through your unit Fitness & Sports Advisory Council (FSAC) representative.

Registration deadlines for

Par 3 Golf is noon Mar. 24 and all other events 4:30 p.m. Mar. 17.

For more information, call 448 – 4640 or 448 – 4639.

2006 Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament

This year’s classic is April 9– 15. Entry per team is \$325 per team. The tourney is Team and individual awards. Each player receives an Aloha Classic T-Shirt. Call the Fitness Center at 448 – 4640 or email christopher.myers@hicam.af.mil.

Bowling Center After School Special

During March, youths between the ages of 5 and 18: \$1 bowling and 25 cents shoes Wednesday & Thursday 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. For more information, call Bowling Center 449 – 2702.

PBA Tournament

Professional Bowlers Association from the northwest region title is April 27 and 28. This exciting two-day event is filled with enter-

tainment and features “Meet the Pros” and “Bowl in the Pro Am” April 27. Winners of this tournament compete for the National Bowling Association Championship on Friday, April 28 from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Officers’ Club Pau Hana Party

Every Friday night from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Green Room, free pupus for members. For more information, call Officers’ Club 448-4608.

Sorbet Play

During the month of March, guess the ingredients of the O’Club Friday night dining sorbet and win a free Friday night dinner

Mamala Golf Course

Introduction to the wonderful game of golf; Saturdays,through March 25, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. The cost is \$99 for the clinic. Register on-line at www.hickamservices.com. Click on golf or www.playgolfamerica.com. Limited to the first six stu-

dents. For more information call, 449-6490 or 449-2525.

The Annual 54-Hole Hickam Invitation

Golf tournament will be held May 5 - 7. Entry Fee is \$145. Format: Entries will be accepted from March 20 – April 21. For more information, call, 448-2318.

Par 3 Golf Course

The 18 hole format individual stroke play Spring Jr. Golf Tournament is Mar. 25. Juniors will be paired by age. The cost of \$15 and includes green fees, prizes. Sign up by Mar. 22. Open to all authorized Jr. Golfers (Military or DOD) and guest ages 7 – 17.

New RV lot

The new RV lot opened March 1. The lot has more than 100 parking stalls. For more information, call Outdoor Recreations 449 – 5215.

12th Annual Enlisted Club Golf Tournament

The annual tournament is

Mar. 17 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Post tournament dinner is a prime rib and fish dinner at the Enlisted Club. For more information, call the Enlisted Club 448 -2271.

National Craft Month

Save 10 percent off on everything (excluding car lot) for the entire month by brining in this ad. The Arts and Craft Center sales store offers free snacks for all visitors to

Easter Egg Painting Class

Saturday, Mar. 18, 25, April 1, 8 and 15, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and cost is \$10 per day. Ceramic eggs will be provided. All ages welcomed. Sign up at the Ceramic Shop or call 449-1568 x 110.

Wood Hobby Center

Build a Beautiful Gift Take a class, or build your dream project at our spacious, well equipped facility conveniently located in our Hickam neighborhood.

Required safety qualifications classes are offered every Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Call the Wood Hobby Center 449 – 3592.

Clutch in Concert

The concert is at the Community Center Mar. 25 at 7 p.m. A backyard barbeque begins at 5 p.m. For more information, call 449 – 2361.

Teen Drivers Education Instruction

Classes are on-going and are Saturday’s from 10:30 a.m. Saturday’s 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The next session begins in April. This is a six-week class followed by six hours of behind the wheel instruction. The fee is \$365. Call the Community Center to register 449 – 3354.

Air Force Annual Chess Tournament

The tournament is Mar. 18 at the community center, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Deadline to register for rated players is Thursday.